

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Applicants hereby request a three-month extension of time extending the time for response from June 6, 2000 up to and including September 6, 2000. The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the required \$870.00 fee to Deposit Account No. 23-1703. Any other fee which may be due in connection with this Petition may likewise be charged.

Please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

1. (twice amended) A pharmaceutical composition for sustained release following ingestion, said composition comprising a water soluble salt of fluvastatin as active ingredient and being selected from the group consisting of matrix formulations[,] comprising a single lipid, a single fat or a single wax; diffusion-controlled single-layer membrane coated formulations[;] and combinations thereof.

12. (twice amended) A method for the treatment of hypercholesterolemia comprising administering to a mammal in need of such treatment a therapeutically effective amount of a pharmaceutical composition for sustained release following ingestion, comprising a water soluble salt of fluvastatin as active ingredient.